

Service Date: November 17, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Energy's 2012-2013 Electricity Supply)	
Tracker)	DOCKET NO. D2013.5.33
)	
IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern)	DOCKET NO. D2014.5.46
Energy's 2013-2014 Electricity Supply)	
Tracker)	

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

On May 31, 2013, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed its 2012-2013 Electricity Supply Tracker with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission). The Commission issued *Interim Order 7283* on June 18, a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on June 19, and granted intervention to the Montana Consumer Counsel, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Human Resource Council District XI on August 2, 2013.

On May 6, 2014, the Commission consolidated the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Electricity Supply Tracker Dockets. *See* Notice of Commn. Action, Dkt. D2013.5.33, p. 1 (May 12, 2014). On May 29, 2014, NorthWestern filed its 2013-2014 Electricity Supply Tracker. The Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on June 2, *Interim Order 7283a* on June 17, and a *Notice of Commission Action* granting intervention to the Sierra Club and Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) on August 19, 2014. *See* Notice of Commn. Action p. 3 (Aug. 20, 2014).

On October 22, 2014, the Commission issued *Procedural Order 7283b*. On November 12, 2014, the Sierra Club and MEIC filed a *Motion to Suspend Scheduling Order*. The following deadlines are hereby suspended in this matter:

- (a) November 12, 2014: Final day for initial data requests to NorthWestern.
- (b) December 2, 2014: Final day for NorthWestern to respond to data requests issued by November 12, 2014.

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- (c) December 23, 2014: Final day for intervenor testimony.
- (d) January 16, 2015: Final day for the Commission to identify additional issues, if any.
- (e) January 23, 2015: Final day for data requests to intervenors.
- (f) February 13, 2015: Final day for intervenors to respond to data requests issued by January 23, 2015.

See Or. 7283b ¶ 4 (Oct. 22, 2014). All other deadlines and provisions in *Procedural Order 7283b* shall remain effective unless again modified by the Commission or staff. *Id.* at ¶ 4.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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